Newsletter of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

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Titusville Amateur Radio Club
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WORDS OF WISDOM FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the all new **TARC** Newsletter. As the new editor I have been bestowed with editorial license, which means that I have "carte blanc" in preparing the newsletter. But this is not my newsletter, it is YOURS. My job is to make this newsletter into something that you look forward to receiving each month. I do not know exactly how or when these changes are going to come about...but they will with your assistance. **I NEED HELP FROM YOU!**

Among the membership there is a vast data bank of knowledge, just sitting there waiting to be tapped. Yes ladies and gentlemen and I do use those terms loosely. You have a choice , sit there and wait for the **"Big A"** to set in and ruin your day, or to stimulate those stagnate brain cells allowing you to enjoy this unlimited hobby of amateur radio. How do you stimulate the brain cells? Why that's simple, each of you has some experience or knowledge that you could pass on to your fellow hams via this newsletter.

With the vastness of amateur radio, no one person is an expert. So that's where you come in. Let's tell the members of the club what you enjoy about Ham Radio. I know that I have been a Ham for close to a quarter of a century, not counting the tutelage of my father W3RZD, sk, and **I do not know all there is to Ham Radio** . I want to learn, I need people to stimulate my interests, and I am positive that there is are many others in the club that are like me. Will you help us? Feed us, stimulate Us.

Pike Abell W4EPU has been doing just that; he has been writing articles for the newsletter. I have found them quite enjoyable.

Let's see some articles on kit building, digital, pc's and the shack software, antennas, contesting, equipment, DX'ing, satellites, moon bounce, CW ATV, QRP, RACES, ARES. I know that I did not cover the entire spectrum of amateur radio.

Remember, newsletters will be only as good as it's organization, which is the **BEST** in Central Florida, and it's contributors. I am willing to put the time into making this newsletter one to be enjoyed, will YOU do your part?

I want to personally express my gratitude to Cori KE4WQD for doing such a wonderful job as newsletter editor.

73's Bob N3DMI

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Bud Hughes W4CWG

OK the "Pot-Luck Dinner" will be the 28th of October. The reason for the change from September to October is the air conditioner at the Jaycee Bldg has been on the blink. Both air conditioners are back in operation now thanks to Bob K4WSJ, Jose KC4VIO and Pedro KE4MXJ. The blower motors in both units were inoperative due to either a lightening strike or some other cause. Also one unit required the replacement of the 24-volt relay. To Bob K4WSJ, who did most of the work as well as locating and procuring the required motors and relay for less than $300.00, we and the Jaycees owe you a great big thanks.

More good news, Art KC2ENO, Judy N2JY and Doris KF4IGN are back with us for the winter.

Sherry and I received email from Marie N2USO. She and Lou N2CTQ will be late getting down from New Jersey this year. Lou had to undergo open-heart surgery. It was a 4 By-Pass operation. Marie will have eye surgery for cataracts on both eyes before they can head for Florida, hopefully in early December. Please keep Lou and Marie in your prayers.

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At the TARC Board meeting held this month a motion was made and passed unanimously to give Cori KE4WQD our sincere thanks for doing a great job as Editor of the TARC Newsletter. Due to Cori's busy schedule she asked that someone take over as editor of the newsletter.

Bob Green N3DMI volunteered to become our new editor. His offer was brought before the board and approved. This October Newsletter will be Bob's first edition of our monthly paper. We will give Bob the support he needs. Bob has experience in this area and we are pleased to have him as our editor.

Our good friend and fellow member for many years Carl Christian KF4JI has passed away. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife June and their family. June donated Carl's radio equipment to TARC.

Hope to see you at the "Pot-Luck" on October 28th.

73s
Bud K4CWG

SEPTEMBER MINUTES
By Becky Lee KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies, President Bud K4CWG said that due to the air conditioners being out of order, the meeting would be a short one. He announced that the pot luck supper will be held at the October meeting and that probably the supper will be held in October instead of September from now on.

Bud also told the club that K4BZJ Les Widick is in a nursing home and that his wife Pat wants to sell all his equipment. Please call her at 267-1013 if you are interested.

Bud gave an update on the health of Les K4SJC and talked about when he might be able to get to the 91 repeater to repair it.

N3DMI Bob Green has volunteered to do the newsletter. Cori Summersett KE4WQD who has done the newsletter for the past 9 months has given it up because she doesn't have the time now to devote to it.

Hosea K4VIO told the club about his recent experience with a lightning strike, and several other members also talked about their experiences with lightning strikes.

BEARS REPORT
By Ed Wirth KG4KVO &
Bob Green N3DMI

Due to the noticeable absence of Stephanie Phillips K4MVO, this months' BEARS report will be abbreviated. *"This does not mean that Stephanie's reports are long."*

COM 1 is undergoing an interior facelift. There was discussion about the condition of the vehicles when they are being returned from being loaned out to the clubs.

Wuesthoff Hospital is no longer a special needs shelter. This is due to not meeting required structural standards for shelters.

Emergency Management will be conducting Geiger Counter training at the EOC on October 27, 23003 0900-1100.

The Melbourne Airport Extravaganza will be November 1-2, 2003.

TREASURER'S REPORT
by Becky Lee KF4HTB

Begin Balance	$1807.27
Deposits	4465.97
Total Income	6273.24
Expenditures	2686.26
Bal 9/30/03	$3586.98

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Regular	128
Family	44
Honorary	8
Other	3
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	183

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/4	KF4AOW	W. DAMPIER
10/5	K1DRA	D. ALFORD
10/10	KF4ZOK	S. HAHNE
10/11	WB4ZWI	J. JOHNSON
10/13	AF4DP	B. FLANAGAN
10/16	AC4WM	M. MATHENY
10/16	N4IPJ	M. FINEMAN
10/18	N4CMZ	R. IWAN
10/23	KF4IGK	G. HAHNE
10/25	K4KON	B. HOOVER
10/26	N9FAB	L. TENDICK
10/27	WA3FKC	E. SUMMERSETT
10/29	W1IIA	W. HART

RENEWALS

K2TNT	G. FISCHER
K4DII	F. McKENSIE

NEW MEMBERS

None

ABELL'S ANECDOTES.

By Pike Abell W4EPU

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW A PERSON!!!

JOHNNY CASH, SILENT KEY.:

Why report the demise of Johnny Cash here when it was so well publicized elsewhere? Simply this - Johnny Cash was not only a well known actor and country and western singer, he was an ace CW intercept operator for the United States Air Force during the Korean War. The following is Cash's own words in an excerpt from the Harper Paperback book "Johnny Cash, The Autobiography", By Johnny Cash and Patrick Carr.

"The Air Force taught me the things every military service imparts to its enlisted men...plus one skill that's pretty unusual: if you ever need to know what one Russian is signaling to another in Morse code, I'm your man.

"I had such a talent for that particular line of work and such a good left ear that in Landsberg, where the United States Air Force Security Service ran radio intercept operations worldwide, I was the ace. I was who they called when the hardest jobs came up. I copied the first news of Stalin's death. I located the signal when the first Soviet jet bomber made its first flight from Moscow to Smolensky. We all knew what to listen for, but I was the one who heard it. I couldn't believe that Russian operator. He was sending at thirty-five words a minute by hand, a rate so fast I thought it was a machine transmitting until I heard him screw up.

"He was truly exceptional, but most of his comrades were fast enough to make the best Americans sound like amateurs, sloppy and slow. It didn't matter though. Our equipment was so good that they couldn't make a noise anywhere in the world without us hearing it. Our receiver worked pretty well bringing in WSM, too. Some Sunday mornings I could sit there in Germany and listen to Saturday night at the Grand Ole Opry live from Nashville, Tennessee, just like at home.

"I heard the enemy every day in the Air Force, but I never saw combat or even came close to it. I enlisted a week before the Korean War broke out, so I was already in the system, and once they'd discovered my aptitude, trained me, and assigned me to the Security Service, Korea wasn't an option. My only choice was between Germany and Adak Island, the Aleutian archipelago off Alaska. That wasn't hard, frozen everything or food and Frauleins? I chose Landsberg."

73s es 88s

FOR SALE OR TRADE

YAESU FT 901 in good condition asking $250.00 for it. K4CWG Bud Hughes

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CLUB INFORMATION

Meetings: Monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 1900 at the Jaycee Building, N. 405 Singleton Ave.

Next Meeting Date: 11/24/2003

Newsletter Editor: N3DMI Bob Green. N3DMI@IJ.NET
Deadline for next newsletter is 11/12/03.

NETS

Red Eye	Sundays 0600-0700 7.228 mHz
Traders	Mondays 1000 146.91 mHz
Friendship	Tuesdays 0830 146.91 mHz
Mosquito	Wednesdays 1900 28.333 mHz
VIP	Thursdays 1000 146.91 mHz

REPEATER CUSTODIAN BOARD

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NEXT MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2003
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